Mr. President: Government will abide by the decision of this Council with regard to this Bill. I think you have fully understood this point. If the House do not want to have this Bill, then I will take it that it is the intention of the House that the Government should more liberally exercise powers under the omnibus section.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* That does not follow. Government should exercise this power only in cases where they make a proper use of it.

Motion put and lost, 15 voting for and 27 against

Panel of Chairmen

Mr. President: I have to announce to the House that I have nominated Messrs. P. Govinda Menon and T. P. Poulose to the Panel of Chairmen for this session.

The House rose for lunch at 1-5 p.m. and re-assembled at 2-30 p.m. with Mr. P. Govinda Menon, Panel Chairman in the chair.

The Cochin Registration Act (Amendment) Bill

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Mr. President Sir, I rise to move that the Cochin Registration Act (Amendment) Bill * be read in Council.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I second it.

Motion put and carried

Secretary to the Council: The title of the Bill is the Cochin Registration Act Amendment Bill.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* I request that the President may be pleased to suspend S. O. 32.

Panel Chairman: S. O. 32 is suspended.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* I move that the Bill may be taken into consideration.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I second it.

Motion put and carried

Clause 2 put and carried

Clause 1 put and carried

Title and preamble put and carried

* Appendix V.

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Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government)*: Sir, I move that the Bill may be taken up and finally passed tomorrow.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General)*: I second it.

Motion put and carried

RESOLUTIONS

1. Improvements to the Puthenthode Chal

"This Council recommends to the Government that the Puthenthode Chal be widened and deepened for the purpose of facilitating water communication from Karanchira to Trichur".

(Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty)

Resolution was not moved

2. Territorial representation in the matter of recruitment to the State service

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*: Mr. President Sir, The resolution standing in my name reads thus: *"This Council recommends to the Government that hard and fast rules be made in the working of the Staff Selection Board that the subjects of the several parts of the realm of His Highness the Maharaja of Cochin be equally represented in the State Service."*

Sir, sometime back, about a decade ago nepotism and favouritism were rampant in Cochin State.

Mr. Ar V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Everywhere it was rampant.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*: What is that time please?

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*: About a decade ago.

It was on the unanimous representation of this House as then constituted—in the case of the present House I have no hope *(Laughter.)*

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: So, you have no hope? *(Laughter.)*

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*: No. So it was after our strenuous efforts and representations that the Staff Selection Board was brought into existence. When the Board was appointed, Government said it was appointed to safeguard the rights of the various interests, castes and creeds. But what do you find now, after the constitution of this Board? Do they strictly follow the

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